REMARKS

[0014] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. The status of the claims is as follows:

- Claims 1-8 are currently pending;

- Claims 1 and 7 are amended herein; and

- New claim 8 is added herein.

[0015] Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 7, and new claim 8 is found in the specification at least at the locations indicated below:

> **[0016]** "wherein the activation of the query generating button results in display of a find window of the user interface to assist the user in creating a query;" (Page 25, lines 13-16, the Find Button 212 of Fig. 6 opens the Find window if Fig. 7.)
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> **[0017]** "receiving search parameters from the find window, the parameters comprising: genre; network; rating; and program name;" (Referring to the discussion of Fig. 7 at the bottom half of page 7 and other locations, genre, network, rating and program name are boxes 222, 226, 228 and 230, respectively.)
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> **[0018]** "wherein the query results in creation of a favorites query button on the user interface;" (See Fig. 6, which includes the Add to Favorite Button 200, which allows the creation of Favorite Buttons 202-210.)
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> **[0019]** "displaying an advanced find window in response to selection of an advanced query button within the find window;" (Box 232 of Fig. 7 opens the Advanced Find Window of Fig. 8.)
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> **[0020]** "wherein the advanced find window allows search by additional search parameters including keywords;" (Keywords are supported by a box in Fig. 8.)
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> **[0021]** "wherein the advanced find window defines a plurality of user created searches, wherein each user created search is associated with a tabbed folder, and wherein tabbed folders may be created and removed by operation of buttons within the advanced find window;" (Referring to Fig. 8, any desired tab (directly under the "Advanced Find" printed at the top of the window) can be opened to access the search. "Add Tab" and "Remove Tab" boxes support those functions.)

[0022] "a filter finding program types desired by the user;" (See Fig. 14, at 282 and 292 for this filter and the below filter.)

[0023] "a filter removing program types not desired by the user; and"

[0024] "unifying plural queries using a unified query function configured to combine queries of plural individuals into a unified query, wherein the combining is performed by a Boolean AND or OR function". (See Boolean discussion at the bottom of page 29 and top of 30.)

[0025] New claim 8 is allowable over the cited Bedard reference of record at least for the reasons that claims 1 and 7 are allowable.

Cited Documents

[0026] The following documents have been applied to reject one or more claims of the Application:

- Bedard: U.S. Patent No. 5,801,747.

Overview of the Application

[0027] The Application describes a Query-Based Electronic Programming Guide. A user interface provides information on television programming options and timing. The user interface allows the formation of queries, and the queries can be saved, optionally in associations with buttons added to the user interface.

Overview of Bedard

[0028] Bedard describes a system and method for creating a television user profile. The profile is adapted to more efficiently show a user what television events may interest them.

Bedard Fails to Anticipate Claims 1-8

[0029] Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Bedard. Claim 8 is newly added. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Independent Claim 1

[0030] In light of the amendments presented herein, and the above-referenced discussion with the Examiner, Applicant submits that the rejection of independent claim 1 is moot. Applicant understood the Examiner to tentatively agree that the cited Bedard reference does not disclose, at least, "wherein the user may save the query by creating a query button defined on, and thereby modifying, the user interface" and "unifying plural queries using a unified query function configured to combine queries of plural individuals into a unified query, wherein the combining is performed by a Boolean AND or OR function".

> **1. (Currently Amended)** A method for operating an electronic program guide displaying television programming information, comprising the following steps:
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> displaying a user interface indicating television programming information comprising a plurality of channels, time periods and programs, wherein a user can realize when and on what channel a program is offered;
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> generating a query, in response to activation by the user of a query generating button defined by the user interface, wherein the activation of the query generating button results in display of a find window of the user interface to assist the user in creating a query, wherein the query defines a search of an electronic programming guide database, **wherein the user may save the query by creating a query button defined on the user interface, and wherein the created query button modifies the user interface**;
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> receiving search parameters from the find window, the parameters comprising: genre; network; rating; and program name;
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> displaying an advanced find window in response to selection of an advanced query button within the find window, wherein the advanced find

window allows search by additional search parameters including keywords, wherein the advanced find window defines a plurality of user created searches, wherein a user created search may be saved by the user by associating the search with a tabbed folder, and wherein tabbed folders may be created and removed by operation of buttons within the advanced find window;

querying the electronic programming guide database using filters, comprising:

a filter finding program types desired by the user; and

a filter removing program types not desired by the user; and

unifying plural queries using a unified query function configured to combine queries of plural individuals into a unified query, wherein the combining is performed by a Boolean AND or OR function.

[0031] As discussed at interview, the Bedard reference does not show or disclose, at least:

- "wherein the user may save the query by creating a query button defined on the user interface, and **wherein the created query button modifies the user interface**" and

- "**unifying plural queries** using a unified query function configured to combine queries of plural individuals into a unified query, wherein the combining is performed by a Boolean AND or OR function".

[0032] In light of the amendments presented herein to independent claims 1 and 7, and the discussion during the above-discussed Examiner interview, Applicant submits that the Section 102 anticipation rejection of Claims 1 and 7 are moot. Accordingly, Applicant asks the Examiner to withdraw these rejections.

[0033] In light of the amendments presented herein and the discussion during the above-discussed Examiner interview, Applicant submits that the Section 102

anticipation rejection of Claims 1-7 is moot. Accordingly, Applicant asks the Examiner to withdraw these rejections.

Dependent Claims 2-6

[0034] Dependent claims 2-6 ultimately depend from independent claim Independent Claim 1. As discussed above, claim 1 is not anticipated by the cited documents, and is therefore patentable over the cited documents. Therefore, claims 2-6 are also patentable over the cited documents of record for at least their dependency from a patentable base claim. These claims may also be patentable for the additional features that each recites.

Independent Claim 7

[0035] Independent claim 7 has been amended in a manner similar to that of claim 1. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that claim 7 is allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is allowable; i.e. the Bedard reference fails to anticipate the elements of claim 7, as amended.

New Independent Claim 8

[0036] New independent claim 8 recites many of the elements recited by claim 1 that are not shown or disclosed by the Bedard referece. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that claim 8 is allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is allowable; i.e. the Bedard reference fails to anticipate the elements of claim 8.

Conclusion

[0037] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned representative for the Applicant before issuing a subsequent Action.

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